

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

October 4, 2005

7:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, O'Neil,
Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest

Absent: Aldermen Porter, Lopez

Mayor Baines called David Nixon forward.

David Nixon stated I just want to thank everybody again who helped out with the Senior Center Golf Tournament held on September 19. We raised \$25,122.67 and the \$500,000 goal that we set for ourselves we are now at \$391,248.50. I want to thank everybody here who helped out like Alderman Forest, Alderman Porter, you, Mayor and congratulations on teeing off the first ball and hitting it over four golf carts and 18 players down the middle of the fairway. I will present this check for \$25,122.67 payable to the Cashin Senior Activity Center. The winners of the golf tournament were Roland Perry, Ron Barnhart and Roger Boisvert. The trophy will be on the counter at the Senior Center for all to see. Each of the winners get an individual trophy.

Mayor Baines stated once again I would like to thank David Nixon for getting us over the finish line. We are getting there and I know we are going to achieve it in the near future.

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Katherine Gatsas, 568 Island Pond Road, Manchester stated:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I place you on notice that I have filed a complaint with the FBI demanding the investigation of Police Chief John Jaskolka. Police Chief Jaskolka has denied my family and me equal protection under the law granted by the Fourteenth Amendment and

so he violates Title 18 of the United States Code Section 242 Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law. Mayor Baines, you also by obligation of your duty as Mayor under the color of law have deprived my family and me of the right to protection and you have failed to keep us from harm. On June 22, 2005 I informed you of the threatening assault upon our property and person. I asked for your help. An intervention to prevent any further denial of my family's constitutional liberty by the Manchester Police Department. I received no response from you. Instead you have taken the information and misused it to harm me professionally and personally. In addition, I claim violation of Title 18 of the United States Code Section 214 Conspiracy Against Rights. I believe that an intradepartmental conspiracy, an intradepartmental cover-up exists between the Manchester Police Department and the Manchester Fire Department and I have requested an FBI investigation of this injustice.

Glenn R.J. Ouellette, 112 Auburn Street, Manchester stated:

I did not like what I read in this morning's paper. It reminds me of what happened in 2001 and what happened again in 2003. This City seems to be going into an area again – I call it a gray area where we end up spending our taxpayer's money in the courts. In 2001 we tried to regulate a club, a group at West High School when we were in fact allowing it at Central High and Memorial. Finally the School Board and the Aldermen and the Mayor had decided not to go to court and let West High School have their club. In 2003 we spent too much of our taxpayer's money fighting not to have tattoos in this City. We were trying to regulate tattoos. We have much more important things to do than stuff like that people. Now we are talking about regulating dress codes in bars? If I go in to someone's bar and I get drunk and I come out and I am on City property and I commit a crime that crime was committed on City property. You can't blame the owner of a store. You can't blame the business when it didn't happen in that business. I may have gone to that business but I didn't to that crime there. Why can't we be civil and meet with all of the bar owners in this City as a group and discuss with the Police Department the problem that we have? To be honest about it, the problem that we have I have been telling you for two years now and you stood in front of me Mr. Mayor and said we don't have a crime problem but two weeks ago I read a newsletter, the Democratic newsletter that stated that Mayor Baines gets tough on crime. It is about time but you are doing it the wrong way.

Julia Estelle Ferrer, 521 Pine Street, Manchester stated:

In the year 2003 I wrote to Mayor Baines office literally begging him to find out why inspectors at the Building Department were getting away with not enforcing housing codes and forcing tenants into life threatening situations time after time after time. Three years between inspections the same things that were wrong in the previous three years are still wrong the next three years when it comes to certifying these landlords. I went to court. There is a 14-day timeframe for any repair to be complied with. The only person that has shown any interest and concern is Mr. Guinta. I have written to so many people and the staff at the Mayor's Office tell me that they forwarded the letter to the Building Department. I have spoken to Leon LaFreniere. I have begged Al Kula to please do his job and he said he

does it according to the way he interprets the codes in the Code and Variance book. I got myself a copy of that book and my landlord was non-compliant in so many areas including indoor air pollution that caused a great deal of medical harm to my well being. The code violations are multiple and it seems to be an ongoing mindset of turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to the calls and the needs of tenants and firefighters who have to go into buildings that are not up to code and threatening the lives of all kinds of human beings. I thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns.

Steve Vaillancourt, 161 Faith Lane, Manchester stated:

Fifteen minutes ago I would have said the two minute rule is especially applicable so I could get back to that exciting Red Sox game but I fear it might now be over. It was 14-2 when I left my car. I appear before you tonight because my usual jovial carefree nature is jolted by two things that have truly saddened me the last couple of weeks. As you probably know, tomorrow morning the City goes to court to try to keep the spending cap petition, which was signed by 5,000 plus Manchester voters, off the ballot. Your high paid City Solicitors go against the Davy of the world, Karl Beisel, arguing in Manchester Superior Court. I am very upset with this Board of Mayor and Aldermen. You should be embarrassed and ashamed of yourselves that you are putting on the ballot an attempt to increase the Mayor's salary, something that I expect most people will say no to, but at the last meeting you had the opportunity to put this spending cap on the ballot when Alderman Guinta raised it and you refused to do it. Have you no shame Ladies and Gentlemen? You will put an increase for the Mayor's salary on the ballot but you will not put this on the ballot? Shameful. Patriot and founding father, writer, philosopher, diplomat, farmer and President, Thomas Jefferson who penned the Declaration of Independence and said all men are created equal also said government which governs least governs best. I suspect and indeed I fear for our society today because you as leaders have perverted the idea of Jeffersonian democracy. It is true that government which governs least governs best and we abandon that principle at our own peril. Aren't you ashamed of yourselves now when heating costs have doubled this winter that you wouldn't follow Alderman Guinta in looking for an efficiency study committee? Wouldn't it be nice to have some of those ideas? Finally I am ashamed, your Honor, at you for not immediately firing your co-chair, Brad Cook, when he had the audacity to say one of the most vile things ever uttered in the history of politics in this City that the opposition should be cleansed. It smacks of Slobodon Milosovich and the ethnic cleansing in Yugoslavia and there was not a viler human being than that in the 1940's. You should do the honorable thing and fire this gentleman and refute his comments immediately. I suppose Brad Cook would say that Thomas Jefferson should be cleansed from our history books. Thank you.

Keith Hirschmann, 296 Dunbarton Road, Manchester stated:

I am here because I actually have a proposal that I think would save the City some money. After reading about our ever increasing tax rates and water fees and sewer fees and everything else in this City that could possibly go up, I read that our yard waste next year

may end up costing us more in the contract. I sat back and I thought about it. There are many, many homeowners who have ½ acre to 1 acre parcels with their single family homes that could actually get a permit from the Fire Chief to burn in a safe incinerator...the Fire Chief could design or have an FPA designed fire apparatus for people's backyards just as the City has been providing the new waste containers. They could actually go into the business of selling these fire safe stoves. What this is going to do is take down the tonnage of the yard waste. I have approximately 60 trees on my property and my yard waste is substantial. If I had the capacity to burn at my home from say September until May in the non-fire threatening season, I think I could save myself and the City a lot of money from picking up this tonnage and if everyone got a permit from the Fire Chief you would have a record of who was requesting this service, you could collect a fee and if you only did it on Saturdays and maybe created a pilot program I think that our yard waste could go down substantially. I think that one fire inspector could take that list on a Saturday and go around the City and be paid with the revenues from the fee to make sure that these people are burning in a safe way. If they are not, they would be given a citation and they would be losing their privilege to burn. That is all I have to say tonight. Thank you.

Mayor Baines advised that if there is no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk